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**1125 Legal Notice:
Opportunity to Object
Rico Trails Project
USDA Forest Service
Dolores Ranger District, San
Juan National Forest Dolores
County, CO**

The Dolores Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest has released a Draft Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Rio Grande Southern trail component of the Rico Trails Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The Final EA was released in November 2020. District Ranger Derek Padilla is the Responsible Official for this project, and it is his intention to select Alternative 3 - Proposed Action. The decision will authorize construction and maintenance of one new 4.3 mile non-motorized trail with a new approximately 0.1 mile bridge route in the vicinity of Rico, Colorado.

The Final EA and Draft DN/FONSI are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56748>. These documents can also be obtained by calling the Dolores Ranger District at 970 882-7296.

This draft decision is subject to administrative review (objection) pursuant to Federal Regulations at 36 CFR Part 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during designated scoping or comment periods in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via postal service, express delivery, hand delivered, messenger service, or through the electronic form on the project webpage to: Objection Reviewing Officer Forest Supervisor Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301; electronic submittal - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56748>; FAX to 970-375-2331; or hand-deliver Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Objections delivered by mail must be postmarked no later than the last day of the 45-day objection filing period. Due to building closure, those who wish to send an objection via hardcopy mail or fax must contact Mark Lambert at 970-799-2331 or mark.b.lambert@usda.gov to ensure their objection is received. Also, due to the building closure, those submitting hand-delivered objections must contact Mark Lambert in advance, to make an appointment. Electronically submitted objections must be plain text (.txt), Word (.doc or .docx), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Rich Text Format (.rtf) file formats.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice in The Journal. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations

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prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Objections must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d); incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. Published in The Journal September 22, 2021.